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for the purpose of talking on the amendment rather than the adoption of it in this extent. If you will have or have had any contact with someone who has lost their drivers license with 12 points and being suspended there is a requirement that they take a defensive driving course. Now, the thing that I am trying to bring forth here is the effort that it takes to take this course when you don't live in Lincoln or in a large place. You have to go someplace to take the course or you have to take it by correspondence. Now, if you have lost your drivers license, I suppose that there is some way that you can get from one place to another, you have your wife, girlfriend or a friend take a bus if there is a bus line, you could take a train to get to these places to take these particular courses. Now they...we have put into the law the necessity of taking this course, and of course my situation that I have is the thought of a defensive course is what someone needs when they have 12 points. It is an offensive course. Because they haven't been watching the defense they have been on the offense. But, nevertheless that is the situation and you gentlemen should know that they are being charged for this. The correspondence course is only available in two places in the state of Nebraska. One from a school here in Lincoln and the other from I believe another school that is sponsored by the Safety Council, so in order to take the correspondence course it costs between \$15-20 and to take the course in driving other than in correspondence also costs approximately the same amount of money. In order to prove my point, yesterday I got on the telephone and called two of these places where they take these tests and found out that they don't have any regular time that they...the courses, they haven't any regular time that they give them, and I presume that someone who has lost his drivers license and finds it necessary to take this course, has to first determine where he can go and how he can get there. Now they tell me that when they send out the revocation notice they put all this information into the envelope with it as to how you can apply for the correspondence courses which there are only two available or the place where you can get the actual course in person. Now the reason that I called yesterday was to inquire as to when the course would be held. They said that no particular time. I do want to call this to your attention and I have called the motor vehicle department's attention to this and the motor vehicle was quite upset with me because of my inquiry. I do think that it is a logical inquiry and I would sincerely hope that through this information that I have received and the introduction of this amendment that the motor vehicle department will fix it so that those people who are denied the license by the reason of not taking this drivers course will now make it available to those people on a regular basis of some type so that they will be able to do it. With that, I would ask to withdraw the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Dickinson.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Mr. President, may I talk on the bill? What stage of this are we at?